

Join Our Governing Body

Help every child be the best they can be.

At Summerfields Primary School, everything we do begins with children.

Our vision is to provide an inclusive, nurturing school where every child achieves well, enjoys learning and develops the confidence and skills they need to succeed in a changing world.

We are proud of the caring, ambitious and welcoming community we have built together. We are now inviting expressions of interest from individuals who would like to join our Governing Body as a **Co-opted Governor** from **Autumn Term 2026**.

Why become a Governor?

School Governors help shape the future of the school.

Working alongside our Headteacher, Melanie Gartell, and the wider leadership team, Governors provide strategic support and constructive challenge, helping ensure every decision is made in the best interests of our children.

Our role is not to manage the day-to-day running of the school, but to help set its direction, monitor its progress and ensure every child has the opportunity to flourish.

About our Governing Body

Summerfields already benefits from a committed and experienced Governing Body with expertise across education, safeguarding, governance, business leadership, finance, operations and community engagement.

As the school continues to grow and develop, we are looking to strengthen the Board further by welcoming someone who can bring additional experience, insight or perspective around:

- Educational outcomes
- Learning and curriculum
- School improvement
- SEND
- Child development
- Community engagement
- Fundraising and partnerships

Previous Governor experience is **not** essential.

What matters most is that you share our belief that every child deserves the very best education and opportunities, and that you are willing to contribute your time, judgement and experience to help our school continue to improve.

The commitment

Being a Governor is a voluntary and unpaid role, but one that is both rewarding and hugely worthwhile.

Governors are expected to:

- Attend Full Governing Body meetings (typically six meetings each academic year)
- Participate in occasional school visits linked to their Governor responsibilities
- Read meeting papers and contribute to strategic discussions
- Complete Governor induction and ongoing training

Meetings are generally held between **5.45pm and 7.15pm**.

The successful candidate will be required to:

- Obtain an Enhanced DBS Check
- Complete a formal induction programme
- Attend Local Authority Governor training (approximately three sessions per year)

Governors are fully supported through:

- Local Authority Governor Services
- GovernorHub
- Dedicated professional clerking
- Online learning resources
- Governor forums and networking opportunities
- An experienced and supportive Governing Body

Interested?

If you would simply like to find out more about becoming a Governor, we'd be delighted to have an informal conversation.

Please contact:

Tony Murphy
Chair of Governors

✉ Tony.Murphy@summerfields.iow.sch.uk

Expressions of interest are welcomed before the end of the Summer Term. Following an informal discussion, suitable candidates will be invited to submit a formal application, with interviews taking place during the summer holidays or early September.

If this opportunity isn't quite right for you, but someone immediately comes to mind, we'd be grateful if you would share it with them.

Many of the very best Governors begin because someone encouraged them to get involved.

Summerfields Primary School

Achieve • Belong • Care

"Be the Best We Can Be"